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The Great Closing Out Sale at the BOSTON STORE

Mr. Pizer has left for the Eastern markets to purchase his Fall and Winter stock. He left instructions to sell everything in stock REGARDLESS OF COST, as we need the room for the new goods. The sale will commence

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7TH,
and continue until the 25th inst.

READ OUR PRICE-LIST:

Dry Goods department—21 yards best unbleached Muslin for \$1; only one dollar's worth to each customer. The very best Gingham at 5 cents per yard. We have forty remnants of Henriettas, in all colors, former prices ranging from 35 to 60 cents per yard, select your choice at 22½ cents per yard. All Summer goods that are left over are going at their own price. Shoe department—We expect to receive thousands of pairs in a few days, and therefore must have room. We still have a few tan and black Oxfords, former prices from \$2.25 to \$3.25, your choice marked on our table at \$1.35. Ladies' fine Shoes, with patent tips, former price from \$2 to \$2.25, going at this sale for \$1.45. One lot Men's Straw hats to close out at 3 cts. each. Boy's Waists, we still have some on hand, former price 25 cents, must now go at 12½ cents; 50-cent waists at 25 cts. 75-cent waists at 38 cents. We still have a few Men's Shirts, former price 50 cents, now going for 25 cents.

Hoping to see you all, we are
Yours for Great Bargains,
THE BOSTON STORE.

Nichols and Hershey News.

The south river is on the rise at this point. C. L. Patterson was up from the "hub" on business Monday. Mrs. Conway was a North Platte visitor the first of the week. Mrs. David Brunk and daughter Myrtle visited at the county seat a few days ago. The majority of farmers are busy haying, stacking and threshing these days. Ten emigrant wagons westward bound passed through here in one gang last Sunday morning. The foundation for the new school house here is well under way. A few from up this way expect to go to North Platte Tuesday evening to attend the Baptist entertainment. A compromise, we are told, has been perfected between Wm. Porter of Hershey and school directors of the Sissou district in regard to the rent for his residence whereby it will be used for school purposes the coming season. County attorney J. M. Calhoun and family, of McPherson county, were the guests of his brother R. W. and family at this place last Saturday. Bruce and Ray Stuart returned to their home Saturday after a fortnight's visit with relatives here. Two car loads of new ties were unloaded at this station yesterday. Lumber for the new school building at this place arrived a couple of days ago. D. A. Brown is harvesting weeds for the railroad company along the right of way. A spur track about 700 feet in length was put in by the U. P. R. by A. M. Stoddard's west line the latter part of last week. We understand that it has been christened "Spudville," which is a very appropriate name. C. C. Banks the new cash merchant at Hershey has a very complete line of general merchandise upon his shelves which he is selling at prices within the reach of every one. James McMichael and G. T. Field, of the county seat, were looking after matters pertaining to the new school building at this place the first of the week. John R. Eback and J. N. Jones of Marion county, Iowa, were up in this locality a day or two ago looking for a location. They were favorably impressed with the country.

A gentleman from Hebron, Thayer county, was up in this country the first of the week the guest of David White. He reports crops down in his country as almost a total failure, caused by the continued drouth this season. G. R. Golvin, Sr., took out himself another "better half" on last Thursday in the person of Mrs. Spafford of Gandy. "English Billy" had two head of horses killed by lightning during the severe storm on Thursday night. Candidates for the several county offices not only in the republican ranks but in the pop also, are looking up their friends throughout the county previous to the conventions. About one and a half inches of rain fell at this place Thursday night, which gave the heart-broken corn and potatoes on "dry" land renewed vigor. Henry Brown and Will Brooks departed for the Cottonwood ranch in McPherson county Sunday, combining business with pleasure. They are expected home to-day or to-morrow. It is really amusing to see a certain young man, residing west of Hershey, attempting to get on the "good side" of a large black canine at the home of a certain young lady in this locality. Hunters of all classes are requested to steer clear of all lands owned by residents adjacent to Nichols and Hershey. Several ditch farmers have signified their willingness to assist in furnishing produce of different kinds for the proposed Lincoln county advertising train. They believe, however, that all those who furnish a carload or more shall have some voice in the selection of those who shall accompany the train. A very good looking horse belonging to the hay gang that is putting up hay on land belonging to the old ditch company, fell into the ditch the other morning and died. It is thought the animal had wandered into a corn field and got an overdose of green corn. PAT.

NEBRASKA NOTES.

J. W. Kinsman, says the Columbus Journal, last year got from a forty-acre piece of wheat an average of thirty bushels to the acre. It was winter wheat, and in the fall he turned cattle in on the land and in the spring, seeing that there was some growth, he took the cattle off and let the wheat mature. The other day he threshed from the tract 1,400 bushels, thirty-five bushels to the acre. John Wiley, living south of Pilger, met with a painful accident. He was yet in bed when a cat jumped from the chimney causing to the open cupboard, throwing a large Turkish platter down on his head, cutting a gash above the eye to the skull bone and about two inches long. He was taken to Stanton where Dr. Person dressed the wound, in which an artery had to be tied to stop the flow of blood. The peach crop of J. M. Russell & Son, Wymore, Neb., which is partly harvested, is estimated to be about 15,000 baskets, but when their young orchards come into bearing they anticipate a crop of 100,000 baskets, as their young orchards are planted with more reliable varieties than the old orchard. If they were limited to but one variety of peach for family use they would select the Wright, a variety which originated in Johnson county, Nebraska, and ripens in this latitude the latter part of August. At Sioux City the Russian thistle has gone wild, and the authorities have about given up the task of trying to down the nuisance. The city expended \$2,000 last year in trying to put down the weed, but to no purpose. This year the ground is matted with them every place. They grow in a sort of mat like goose grass where they kept down, but no matter how small and forlorn the weed may appear from hard usage it matures seed just the same in one season and the next year's crop is a foregone conclusion.—Exchange.

SUTHERLAND NEWS.

M. G. Lindsay, of North Platte was in our village Wednesday. Eunice Johnson, Ninn Snell and Mabel Johnson represent Sutherland at the teachers' institute this week. David Hunter spent the latter part of the week at the canal head, in Keith county, trying to stop parties from wasting water and also to encourage more water to leave the river and call on the citizens of Sutherland and vicinity, where it will be much appreciated. Mrs. M. E. Shoup will visit friends in Missouri the next few weeks. Most folks envy her the fruit to be had this time of year but the hot days and nights accompanying it are not so much desired.

John Keith is spending a couple of weeks at the ranch.

E. F. Seeberger was in town Wednesday afternoon. Seymour Bobbitt and family, after taking in the sights in Wyoming, returned to this locality a short time ago. Gathering plums and buffalo berries is getting to be the favorite out door recreation these days. C. B. McKinstry and family spent Sunday with friends in Keith county. Alex. Streitz and H. Nesbitt, of the hub, were looking around our village the other day. L. J. Johnson's young folks from Omaha, who have been staying with him for a couple of weeks, returned to Omaha on Monday. J. J. Reed has been making considerable improvement in his blacksmith shop the past week. Wm. Holtry and Jas. Buchanan were rustling in the Birdwood country on Wednesday. The ice cream social at the school house on Saturday evening was quite well attended and the church treasury replenished. G. B. Thurber secured the contract for the new school house north of Hunter's and is now hauling the material for same. Wm. Porter has rented the Streitz house and will take possession before Sept. 1st. John Donaldson laid the foundation for the Hunter school house this week. A good shower Thursday evening gladdened the hearts of the tillers of the soil in this neighborhood. Mrs. G. C. White is spending a few days in North Platte visiting among her old friends. By the way George talks about "single blessedness," it is not likely he will be trying to get a case through the divorce mill very soon. N. B. Whitesides and Miss Mabel Yates were passengers on the Denver excursion Sunday evening. John Keith & Co. have bought the hay on the island this year and now have a gang of men getting it ready for shipment. BIRCO.

THE RUSSIAN THISTLE IS DYING OUT IN THE DAKOTAS AND THIS FACT BRINGS INTO PROMINENCE THE THEORY ADVANCED BY SOME ABLE BOTANISTS THAT THE RUSSIAN THISTLE BELONGS TO A FAMILY OF PLANTS THAT THRIVE ONLY UPON LAND POSSESSING SALINE PROPERTIES AND WHEN THOSE PROPERTIES ARE EXHAUSTED THE PLANT WILL NO LONGER GROW. THE SEA COAST IS THE ONLY PLACE WHERE THIS FAMILY OF PLANTS ARE PERMANENT AND WHILE THEY MAY FLOURISH ON THE NEW LANDS OF THE WEST, WHICH IS MORE OR LESS IMPREGNATED WITH ALKALIES AND OTHER SALINES BY THAT OF THE SALTS IN THE LAND. THIS IS TRUE, IS BOTH INTERESTING AND IMPORTANT. IT INDICATES THAT THE THISTLE MAY BE MADE A SOURCE OF BENEFIT RATHER THAN A MENACE IN SOME PARTS OF THE WEST WHERE THERE IS TOO MUCH ALKALI IN THE SOIL.—EX.

CALLS FOR CENTRAL COMMITTEES.

The republican committee of the 13th judicial district are hereby called to meet at Chappell, Neb., at 2 o'clock p. m. on Saturday, Aug. 17th, 1895, for the purpose of calling a convention for the nomination of a republican candidate for the office of judge of the 13th judicial district, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the committee. Dated July 29th, 1895. H. M. GRIMES, Chairman. F. P. MORGAN, Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS LINCOLN COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE, NORTH PLATTE, NEB., AUG. 1, 1895.

There will be a meeting of the republican county central committee of Lincoln county, Nebraska, Aug. 17th, 1895, at 2 o'clock p. m. at the Courthouse in the city of North Platte for the purpose of deciding the ratio of representation upon which to elect delegates to the next county republican county convention; to determine the date and where the primaries in each precinct shall be held for the selection of the delegates to said county convention; to determine the date and place of holding the next county convention, and to transact any other business that may come before the committee. The attendance of every member of the committee is expected, and each committee member should be prepared to make a report as to the political condition of his precinct. W. C. ELDER, Chairman. CON. F. SCHARMANN, Secretary.

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WHAT A FROG'S CROAK DID.

A Peculiar Incident That Led to the Invention of the Telephone. It is not common knowledge, except to those familiar with electrical and telephone history, that the first telephone was constructed in Racine, Wis., and that the inventor, Dr. S. D. Cushman, is now a resident of Chicago. His offices are in the Stock Exchange building. Here the venerable inventor, who built the first telegraph lines in this part of the "far west," pursues his business with more alertness in affairs than the average young man.

In a corner of the room is a large, worn piece of muslin, on which is painted in thin color a representation of a telegraph line stretching away in the distance, connected with a crude instrument set on two logs, near which a frog is sitting by a stream. This old relic represents the telegraph line of "good cedar posts" which Dr. Cushman constructed west from Racine for the Erie and Michigan Telegraph company in 1851, and the experimental lightning arrester which led to his discovery. It is a reminder of the days when Dr. Cushman was associated with Professor Morse in the pioneer days of telegraphy. On his desk is the first telephone transmitter, constructed in 1851, 25 years before the Bell patents were taken out. It is a small, square box, with a speaking orifice and containing a mechanism on the same principle as that of the modern transmitter. In 1851 Dr. Cushman undertook the construction of a lightning arrester, his object being to take the lightning that struck the wire and run it into the ground, the instrument being so constructed that it would not interfere with the light current used in telegraphing. This instrument was placed out on the prairie on two logs, and in order to know when it had operated a triple magnet, with a sheet of thin iron at the poles, similar in construction to a modern "receiver," was placed in the corner of the box. In case the lightning passed through the instrument the electro magnet would pull this strip of iron down into the range of a permanent magnet, which would retain it until the instrument was inspected.

A similar device was placed in the basement of the building at Racine and connected with the other end of the line.

One day while a thunderstorm was coming up and Dr. Cushman was watching the instrument the croaking of frogs was heard 15 miles away. This is the explanation of how the old painting with the crude instrument and the croaking frog is identified with the discovery of the telephone. Dr. Cushman is the inventor of the fire alarm system in use in Chicago. His patent office reports, he says, "would weigh a ton" and contain a great number of his electrical patents.—Chicago News.

next Value of Coal. The important fact has over and over again been stated by those who have investigated the subject with scientific exactness that only about 6 or 8 per cent of the total heat value of coal is utilized in an engine by heating transformed into power. In tracing up this loss it is stated that there are required some 1,300 degrees of heat, or heat units—not degrees of temperature—to change one pound of water into steam, while during the absorption of this amount of heat the temperature of the water remains at 212 degrees. This immense amount of steam is rendered latent and does not sensibly affect the thermometer. Scientific authorities explain the cause of this loss in the steam engine as due to the fact that the 990 degrees absorbed by water in being transferred into steam—212 degrees are apparent upon a thermometer, and which, added to 990, make up the 1,300 degrees above mentioned—go into the engine unutilized by the thermometer, leave in the same manner and go to waste.—New York Sun.